

House Resolution No. 303

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State organizations which have proven down through the years to be exemplary components of local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, United Way of Adair County was established in 1955 with Walter C. Beard as President and a fund-raising drive which brought in \$25,671 for disbursement in 1956 to Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, the Salvation Army, the American Red Cross, Sojourners Public Library, and the Adair County Child Welfare Service; and

Whereas, Golden Anniversary fund-raising by the United Way of Adair County raised \$243,494.52 in 2005 support of the American Red Cross, Adair County Family YMCA, Adair County 4-H Council, Boys Scouts of America Great Rivers Council, Central Missouri Food Bank, Community Opportunities/Sheltered Workshop, Girl Scouts of the Becky Thatcher Area, Hospice of Northeast Missouri, NMCA-Civil Air Patrol, NEMO Senior Citizens Services-Nutrition Program, Heartland RSVP/Senior Adult Services, Salvation Army, and Victim Support Services; and

Whereas, during its fifty years in existence, United Way of Adair County has raised more than \$6 million to fund local member agencies; and

Whereas, the mission of the United Way of Adair County is to increase the organized capacity of people to care for one another by linking people who need help with those who can help; and

Whereas, United Way is a community investment that works since raised dollars go back into the local community to assist thousands of individuals; and

Whereas, community volunteers oversee the distribution of United Way money to local agencies, study audited budget reports, visit agencies, and review agency presentations to maintain a commitment of integrity to donors:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive history of the United Way of Adair County and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations as they celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of their stellar, community-oriented organization; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the United Way of Adair County.

Offered by _____
Representative Robert J. Behnen
District No. 2

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 303, adopted January 31, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker